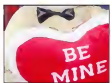




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## Olympic Spirit!

Photo and story by Miriam King, Bradford Times  
All eyes may be on Sochi, but a number of local schools are holding their own "Winter Olympics", with sports like "Hockey" (above) at Fred C. Cook Public School in Bradford, on Monday, February 10, 2014.

As Canadians cheer on their athletes at the Sochi Winter Olympics in Russia, and the medal count rises,

students at several Bradford West Gwillimbury Schools are celebrating the Olympics with their own games. On February 10, Fred C. Cook Public School's students took part in the FCC Winter Olympics, with Grade 7 and 8 students acting as team leaders and game organizers. Just like Sochi, it began with Opening Ceremonies. Students filed into

the gym, and joined their teams - each comprised of students from Kindergarten to Grade 7, and each named for an important character trait: Team Integrity, Co-operation, Caring, Responsibility, Honesty, Optimism, Empathy. The students headed outside, to play hockey, compete in a version of "bobsled" racing, curling, or running

an obstacle course - then went inside, to take part in Olympic Trivia, or the Winter Clothing Relay, to see how quickly team members could get into and out of snowpants, scarves, sweaters and mitts. It was a day of fun and activity, and as one organizer noted, "it's a nice way to bring it together, with the Olympics

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## It takes 2

Nancy's Nifty Nook, 118 Holland St. E., is celebrating its 25th year in business in Bradford - and to mark the milestone, owner Nancy Young is holding a Monthly Townie Draw, to "give back to the community."

For a \$2 donation to a local cause, shoppers can enter their name on a ballot for the monthly Appreciation draw. January's cause was the Tayah Fairbrother Trust Fund, to raise money for Tayah's family, after the little girl lost her battle with cancer. The draw, for a Honey Body Care Basket, was won by Shelly Bond, and raised \$244.

February will support Joey's Fedora Foundation - founded by young cancer survivor Joey Mazzucco, to raise funds to purchase iPads for kids with cancer. The winner, at the end of the month, will receive a Chocolate or Carrot Bundt cake, made by Nancy herself.

Joey Mazzucco dropped by Nancy's Nifty Nook on Feb. 7, to thank owner Nancy Young and present her with a copy of his book. "This is just about my journey, and how we handled it," he told her. "When I had cancer, I took it in a different way... it can be about the positive journey."

# New cost-sharing agreement for Policing

After months of tough talk by the Town of Innisfil, there is a new cost-sharing agreement in place for the South Simcoe Police Service.

Both Innisfil and Bradford West Gwillimbury have agreed to establish a new Capital Budget for their shared police service, and to split the cost of Capital expenditures, 50-50. But the old cost-sharing agreement will remain in place for the Operational Budget. That agreement is based on a formula that considers population, number of

households, and overall assessment value for tax purposes. Based on those criteria, the split between the partner municipalities will change for 2014, with Innisfil's share of the bill dropping to 33.89%, and Bradford West Gwillimbury's rising to 46.11%.

Innisfil still leads BWG in the overall number of households (14,203, compared to 11,331) and in assessed value (\$5.43 billion, compared to \$4.51 billion) - but the population gap is narrowing. Innisfil's population is estimated at

34,056, based on Statistics Canada information and the number of occupied homes, while BWG now has a population estimated at 32,166.

During last year's Police Costing debate, Innisfil CAO John Skomohacz repeatedly suggested that Innisfil was over-paying for policing, under the current agreement, by as much as \$1 million per year. The new cost sharing agreement was endorsed by BWG Council on February 4, and by Innisfil Council on February 5.

## Police Chief's contract extended

South Simcoe - The Bradford West Gwillimbury-Innisfil Police Services Board has announced the extension of South Simcoe Police Chief Rick Beazley's contract to 2017. Beazley was originally appointed as Chief in April

2012, under a 3-year agreement that has now been extended. "Chief Beazley is a proven leader who has delivered results in just a short time," explained Board Chair Sharon Villani. "The Board has full confidence that he will

continue to be instrumental in the success of the South Simcoe Police Service, in terms of service, cost-effectiveness and the strengthening of community partnerships." The extension was announced on February 11, 2014.

## B & E Suspect nabbed by Social Media

On Jan. 18, South Simcoe Police responded to a Break and Enter at a business on Innisfil Beach Rd. in Alcona, where extensive damage had been done. Police were able to

collect evidence at the scene - including a clear surveillance photo of a suspect. The photo was disseminated using social media and the press, and resulted in solid

tips that led to the arrest of a 29 year old Barrie man. The accused was charged with Break & Enter, and Mischief, and released on a promise to appear for court.

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# Holland Marsh Drainage canal project on budget

The 2014 Business Plan of the Holland Marsh Drainage System Joint Municipal Board was approved by Bradford West Gwillimbury Council, in its Feb. 4 meeting.

The 2014 budget of just over \$2.55 million was substantially lower than the 2013 budget, of \$3.17 million - even though it includes the final phase of the Holland Marsh Drainage Improvement Scheme "2 years ahead of time, and on budget," Drainage Superintendent Frank Jonkman Jr. told Council.

Other projects in the works for 2014:

- Improvements to the Morris Road Drain.
- Completion of repairs to the Hortings Dyke, which disastrously breached last year, flooding approximately 150 acres of prime marsh farmland, east of the Bradford GO Train station.

Jonkman was questioned by Councillor Carl Hordyk regarding the progress of the repairs to the Hortings Dyke.

Weather conditions have slowed the work but repairs have now almost reached the site of the initial breach, Jonkman said, and should be completed "by late winter, early spring."

Council will receive a report on the progress, and the process of incorporating the Hortings drainage system into the Holland Marsh Drainage scheme.

Jonkman acknowledged that work on the Holland Marsh Scheme and the Hortings Dyke repairs had resulted in the Board falling "a little behind on Morris Road... We kind of bucked off on the Morris Road one." So far, only a "very preliminary design" has been prepared for the Morris Rd. drain, and the Board has met with impacted landowners.

He emphasized that the major project in 2014 will be the completion of excavation of the Holland Marsh canals "as soon as the ice is off" and the start of restoration of the riparian vegetation along berms and banks, in partnership with the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority.

Jonkman noted that there is the need to complete the final grading, and to allow the soils to "consolidate" before replanting begins, but the work to stabilize the banks and control erosion should be completed in 2015.

Although the 2014 budget for the joint

Municipal Board was down by over \$600,000, it was still \$28,030 more than what was approved in the Town's 2014 budget.

Director of Finance Ian Goodfellow explained that Council approved its municipal budget in October, but the

Business Plan for the Holland Marsh Drainage Scheme was not completed until December. He assured Council that the Town "has sufficient in Reserve to cover the overage."

Submitted photo: Aerial view of the flooding caused by a dyke breach.



# WE'RE OPEN FAMILY DAY

## Council endorses capital projects

At a Special Meeting of Council, February 11, Bradford West Gwillimbury Council endorsed the key Capital projects that will bring services to the Employment Lands at Hwy. 400 - and may decide to look into hiring a Project Manager to assist the Engineering Department, rather than accept an offer of help from a developer.

The meeting was held primarily to go over the details of the various Environmental Assessments (EAs) and the preferred options selected, with an explanation of what is needed to deliver servicing to the Employment Lands within the next 2 to 3 years.

Engineering focussed on 3 of the 5 projects:

- **The Southeast Arterial Road.** The Environmental Assessment for a 2-lane SEAR linking Bridge St. with Simcoe Rd. was completed in 2010. Ainsley Consulting is currently working on the detailed design. Construction could start as early as Spring 2015, with completion by Spring of 2016. "We are already well ahead and going with full speed," said Town engineer Khurram Tunio.

- **The Southwest Arterial Road.** The Environmental Assessment for the 4-lane SWAR,

which will use 10 Sideroad and the 5th Line to carry traffic from 88 to a new Hwy. 400-5th Line interchange, was also completed in 2010. The Request for Proposals for detailed design closed February 6, 2014, and the Town received "a good number of proposals," Tunio said, which are currently being reviewed by staff.

The EA recommended a round-about or traffic circle on 10 SR at the 6th Line, and the realignment of the intersection, moving it south of the current location to avoid having to purchase neighbouring residential properties. A number of other road alignments were examined, but rejected due to impact on environmental lands, farmland, or homes.

A tentative time frame for the SWAR would see construction of underground servicing starting in Spring 2015, to be completed by Spring 2016 - with road widening taking place only when the needed land is acquired.

- **The Hwy. 400-5th Line Interchange.** The interchange Environmental Assessment was completed in Nov. 2010, and URS Canada is currently working on the detailed design.

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Building on an earlier Visioning exercise for a new Henderson Community Park at 10 Sideroad and the 9th Line BNG, Dillon Consulting held a Design Workshop at the Bradford Public Library, February 11.

About 35 people turned out to hear a presentation on the work to date, contributing a Vision for the park and an "extensive" needs assessment conducted by Leisure Services, to map out both active and passive uses, and to provide their own input. Suggested uses ranged from mini soccer pitches to gazebos, trails, picnic areas and splash pads.

The Workshop was held as part of the Master Plan Study for Henderson Park.

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## MP praises the Budget

**York-Simcoe** - Conservative MP Peter Van Loan welcomes the Economic Action Plan 2014 of his government, and the significant benefits York-Simcoe residents will receive.

"Our government is on track to balance the budget by 2015, while continuing to deliver on our commitments to Canadians to invest in creating jobs, keep taxes low and save Canadians money," said Van Loan. "The average family is now saving \$3,400 a year in taxes and we have created over 1 million jobs. We will continue to focus on the real priorities of Canadians and deliver results."

Highlight of the 2014 "Economic Action Plan":

- Remaining on track to balance the budget in 2015.
- Creating the Canada Apprentice Loan.

• Eliminating the value of student-owned vehicles when calculating eligibility for student loans.

• Supporting Youth Internships, and investing up to \$40 million for internships in high-demand fields, and among small and medium-sized businesses.

• Increasing the Adoption Expense Tax Credit.

• Maintaining the record levels of support for sports in Canada like "Own the Podium", which has produced Olympic success.

Van Loan said that Canada's fiscal performance leads all major G-7 countries; since the 2008 downturn, Canada has posted the best job creation, strongest economic growth, lowest debt and lowest deficit.

### our editorial

## Getting it right the first time

If there's one thing that has become clear, with the discussion of the projects that are key to opening up employment lands around Hwy. 400, it's that the Town had better get it right, before accepting an Environmental Assessment Study and "preferred options."

As Director of Engineering and Infrastructure, Arup Mukherjee explained, once an EA is completed and has been accepted by the Ministry of the Environment, it becomes the basis of all subsequent designs and actions, and can't be changed without a lengthy amendment process - even if there are errors, or unexpected costs.

It seems that when an engineer or consultant errs, unless there is loss of life - as in the Algo Centre in Elliot Lake - there is little accountability, especially when the only impact is on the pocketbook of the taxpayer.

A case in point is the widening of Dixie St. and the 8th Line in Bradford. The initial proposal minimized the impact of property-

taking on adjacent commercial properties, and provided an estimate of about \$11 - 12 million in construction costs. In fact, construction cost over \$17.9 million, and the impact on the viability of businesses was so huge, that the Town was forced to buy out or compensate businesses no longer able to operate. The final price tag: Over \$30 million.

There are other proposed works, such as the Southwest Arterial Road (SWAR), that have the potential to burden beyond the initial estimates. Councillors will raise questions in the February 4 meeting of Council, and again in a Special meeting on Feb. 11 - and again were told that once a "Preferred Option" is accepted and the EA approved, it is impossible to make changes without reopening the process, creating cost and delays.

It just shows how important it is to get it right the first time around. Let's hope that with the SWAR and the Holland St. Reconstruction, for example, there are no errors.



La MexiCanada Restaurant, 32 Holland St. East, is one of 15 Bradford-area restaurants participating in Bradfordicious this February, offering discounts to diners. Here, owner Noel Martinez, left, joins Bradfordicious founder Rick Brooks in serving up tasty bargains this month.

### letters to the editor

#### Billing transition a mess

**(Editor's note: We spoke with the Finance Department, which advised that the appropriate way to register an online bill payment is "Bradford West Gwillimbury Water" or "Bradford Water". And Finance acknowledges that there have been issues with CIBC and President's Choice Financial, but says those are in the process of being worked out. The bills actually cover a 92 day period, from Oct. 1 to Dec. 31; any readings outside of that period on the bill are due to "a formatting error" that will be corrected in the next billing cycle." To ease the financial impact of being billed for 3 months' use, instead of 2 months, the Town is waiving late payment fees until the next billing, in March. The Town also offers a Pre-Authorized payment plan for utility bills.)**

To the editor: As residents of Bradford West Gwillimbury, we have seen many shifts in billing for water/wastewater over the years - from the Public Utilities to Barrie Hydro, Powerstream, and now back to the Town. This current transition is, without a doubt, the most badly-handled transition of billing we have experienced over the years. To receive a bill of \$282.46 for water and wastewater dating back to September - a 3-month period - and being asked to pay it in one lump sum is unquestionably an imposition on the residents of the Town.

Where the Town knew this change was coming, surely a better way could have been found to make things more financially manageable for its residents. Fortunately, our household is in a financial position to pay this bill. I could not imagine how things will be for families that struggle to make ends meet from day to day. We are paying our bill because we believe it is the responsible thing to do.

Unfortunately, I ran into a snag with paying my bill, even though it clearly states on the back of the bill that it can be paid at major chartered banks through internet or telephone banking. When I tried to add the "Town of Bradford Finance Department" to my internet banking, this option was not available. And when I called the bank to try to pay this bill through my telephone banking service, the agent was unable to find the Town of Bradford's Finance Dept. How could Internet banking not be available as a payment option in this day and age? I note that payment via credit card is available at the Town website for a fee.

I trust that my voice will be heard, and that the Town, having handled the transition of billing services so poorly, will at least make an effort to ensure that internet and telephone banking services are made available through the major chartered banks for the water and

wastewater billings.

**Trevor Dearnham, Bradford**

**Boosting Bradfordicious**

To the editor: My daughter and I went out for dinner, Feb. 3. Wanting to stay close to home, I suggested *L'Antica*, as I had been there before. We were a little surprised to be the only ones in the restaurant, at first, but our server Jessica was warm and welcoming.

I ordered from the Bradfordicious menu choices, while my daughter ordered from the regular menu. We were amazed at the quantity and quality of the food. The salads could have been meals themselves; the entrées had to have the remainders packed up to go; and my dinner came with a mouth-watering dessert (which we shared). The ambience of the dining room, where we could watch the pizza being made, and the friendliness of the staff made for a thoroughly enjoyable experience. My only regret is that there were not more people taking advantage of this "new to Bradford" winter dining experience. I hope more families get out and experience Bradfordicious during February.

**Barb Jones, BWG**

### World Day of Prayer

Bradford's World Day of Prayer will be held at St. Paul's Anglican Church Coulson's Hill (on the 11th Line, at Yonge St.) on Friday, March 7 at 2 p.m. This year's interdenominational service is written by the women of Egypt, on the theme, "Streams in the Desert." All are welcome to attend.



## Happy 90th!



The Mikkelsen Family celebrated a special occasion on Saturday, February 1st - the 90th Birthday of Grethe Mikkelsen, born January 30, 1924.

Joining her for the celebration was her husband Hans, who turned 92 in September, and other family members - including 3 of her 7 great-grandchildren. The couple have 4 children - three sons and a daughter - and 8 grandchildren.

The celebration took place at the Mikkelsen's condo in the Lord Simcoe building, in Bradford.

A happy birthday congratulations, to "Mom, Farmor and Mommor," from the family!

Photo by Marilyn Mikkelsen  
-with thanks to Maril, for organizing the group shot.

## At the Danube Centre

The Danube Centre is located at 715 Simcoe Rd., south of Bradford. For information, call 905-775-0612.

### Coming up:

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**Birthday Lunch** will

be BBQ Chicken, Fried Rice, Spring Rolls, Salad, Dessert, Tea or Coffee - only \$8 for members, \$9 non-members, on Thursday, February 20, 11:50 a.m. Tickets at the door. All welcome.  
On Weds., Feb. 26 from 1 to 3 p.m. the Centre welcomes students from neighbouring St. Charles School, for crafts, games, pool and refreshments. Volunteers wanted!

## Valentines at Lakeside

Lakeside Retirement, 985 Innisfil Beach Rd. in Alcona, Innisfil, celebrates Valentine's Day on Friday, February

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• Tues, Feb 18 @ 7:00 p.m. – BWG Library & Cultural Centre, Zima Room

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## Seniors Housing Committee

• Wed, Feb 19 @ 7:00 p.m. – SSP, Jonkman Room, 81 Melbourne Drive

## Active Transportation Committee

• Thurs, Feb 20 @ 7:00 p.m. – BWG Library & Cultural Centre,

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• Mon, Feb 24 @ 7:00 p.m. – BWG Library & Cultural Centre, Boardroom, 425 Holland St. W.

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Please note that the tax bills were printed prior to the February 1, 2014 penalty and interest being charged and only reflect payments received up to January 28, 2014. Any arrears/past due amounts included on the first installment stub of this tax billing will be subject to additional interest if not paid by January 31, 2014.

Owners of newly constructed homes may receive a tax bill for the value of the vacant lot only, until the home is assessed. Once the house is assessed, you will receive a supplementary/omitted tax bill for the taxes on the value of your home. This process may take up to 3 years and the taxes due will be retroactive to your date of occupancy. For an estimate of your annual taxes, multiply the purchase price of your home by the current tax rate (2013 tax rate was 0.01163646) or contact the Finance Department at 905-778-5303.

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## NOTICES

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In accordance with Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Dog Control By-law 2006-027:

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- No owner of a dog shall allow the dog to howl, bark excessively or otherwise become a nuisance.

To obtain the 2014 license for your dog, they are available at the following locations as of November 15, 2013:

- De-Line @** <http://www.town.bradfordwestgwillimbury.on.ca>. Click on Town Services/Enforcement/Animal Services. It will then direct you to click "here" for purchase of dog licenses. Tags will be mailed to you directly.
- The Administration Office**, 100 Dissette Street, Units 7 & 8, on Monday to Friday from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm.
- Bradford West Gwillimbury Public Library**, Monday to Thursday 9:30 am to 5:00 pm, Friday & Saturday 9:30 am to 5:30 pm.

2014 Dog Licenses rates are as follows: (Dog (in Tact) \$35.00, Dog (Spayed or Neutered) \$30.00; Dangerous or Restricted Breeds \$55.00) Whether applying for a license on-line or in person, you will be required to bring in, or provide the following information:

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- Veterinarian's Name, Address and Telephone Number.

If you have any questions, please contact the Enforcement Office directly at 905-775-5366 x1102.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury is currently accepting applications from residents of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury who are interested in volunteering in their community by serving on the Council Compensation Committee. The first meeting will commence at a mutually agreeable date during regular office hours and at a meeting location to be determined and will continue until the mandate of the Committee is fulfilled.

The purpose of the committee is to review and recommend appropriate levels of remuneration for members of Council for the 2014 to 2018 term.

The committee will be comprised of three (3) citizen members along with staff advisors.

Residents should submit their letter of interest to the undersigned outlining their involvement in community service projects and/or other volunteer activities. Applicants must be an eligible elector to vote at a municipal election of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury.

Letters of interest must be received by the undersigned in a sealed envelope marked CONFIDENTIAL, no later than Friday, February 20, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

Rebecca Murphy,  
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## Your new water and wastewater bill

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury would like to thank you for your patience as we take over meter reading, billing and customer service duties from PowerStream Inc.

Included in your new service will be improvements like greater billing accuracy, additional payment methods and more time to pay without interest. Implementing these changes has required extra time to get new software and systems in place for all 8,881 account holders, and we are pleased to now have these in place.

### PENALTY-FREE PAYMENT PERIOD EXTENDED

To thank you for your patience, we are extending the penalty-free payment period for the first water and wastewater bill. We appreciate your efforts to pay your bill by the due date indicated; however, if that is not possible, penalties on overdue payments will not come into effect until after the payment due date of your second bill.

### LENGTH OF FIRST BILLING PERIOD

The total owing on your first bill may appear higher than your usual two-month bill because it is for a three-month period. We are now issuing a two-month billing cycle and your next bill will reflect usage from January 1 to February 28, 2014.

Please note: The current bill reflects usage from October 1 to December 31, 2013 only. Please disregard any readings outside of that period that may appear on this bill – this is a formatting error that will be corrected in the next billing cycle.

### PAYMENT OPTIONS

For more information on methods of payment please refer to reverse side of your bill.

**eBill and ePay:** To receive your utility bill by e-mail and/or to pay online, please go to [www.townofwbg.com](http://www.townofwbg.com) to create your eCommerce account. Click on the box below "I'd Like to..." and choose "Pay my water and wastewater bill" then select "Register for eCommerce" and follow the instructions. You will need account information from your bill in order to do this. Once this is complete you can choose if you would prefer to receive a paperless bill by e-mail, and you can also make payments online if you wish.

Many financial institutions allow you to pay your water and wastewater bill through their own online and telephone banking systems. If you are having difficulty registering your utility bill, please contact your financial institution directly for further information.

Please do not combine payment of your property taxes with payment of your utility bill, as they are processed differently by the banking system.

### QUESTIONS? CONCERNS?

- For inquiries regarding water/wastewater billing, please contact the billing department at 905-775-5303 ext.3108 or e-mail [utilitybilling@townofwbg.com](mailto:utilitybilling@townofwbg.com)
- Did you know that you can validate the meter reading on your bill by checking the head of the water meter in your home? For other questions regarding water meters and readings, please contact the water department at 905-778-2055 ext.2100

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# Valentine's Day at the Bradford Legion

**Friday Night Social Time** - every Friday at 6 p.m. at the Bradford Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, 115 Back St. in Bradford. Come out and enjoy dinner prepared and served by the Culinary Arts Students at Bradford District High School, for a nominal fee, then stay for music and fellowship.

This Friday, February 14, has a **Valentine Theme**. Drop in for Chicken Cordon Bleu, Rice Pilaf, Glazed Carrots and bread for only \$6 per person.

**Monday and Thursday Night Fun Darts**, 7:30 at the Branch. Everyone welcome - membership not required.

**Euchre**, on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month, registration starts at 1 p.m., Euchre starts at 1:30 p.m. All welcome.

A **General Meeting** will be held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month, at 7 p.m. at the Legion.

Do you want to stand behind our troops and veterans, enjoy comradeship and activities, and support youth programs in the community? Consider membership in the Legion. For more information, contact Donna at 905-775-9025. The Legion is here for Canada's Vets. There is support available for veterans and their spouses, whether at home, or in a nursing home or care facility. You don't have to be a Legion member to ask for assistance. Contact Veteran Services Officer Sean Griffin at 705-251-0208.

The Hall at the Legion is available at reasonable rates. Call the Branch at 905-775-9025 for details. Note: Be a friend on Facebook, to get regular updates on upcoming events.



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# Inside Ride comes to Southlake



Photos and story by Miriam King, Bradford Times

**Fast Foundation team at Southlake's Inside Ride**, representing the **Southlake Regional Health Centre Foundation** - and led by President Neils Poscente in pink. Below, The Bolts - a team from W.H. Day Elementary School in Bradford.

For a second year, Southlake Regional Health Centre hosted the "Inside Ride", with Coast to Coast against Cancer, to benefit the Paediatric Oncology Group of Ontario (POGO).

On February 7, teams with names like the Spindenellas from the Cardiac Program, MACC (Mothers Against Childhood Cancer), POGO's Clinic Kickers, The Bolts from W.H. Day Elementary School, and the Spin Doctors, prepared to ride stationary bikes, and raise funds.

"We're proud of the POGO program we have at Southlake and what they do every day," said Southlake CEO and President, Dr. Dave Williams, as he prepared to ride with Team Black Magic, dressed in orange and black witches' hats and spiderweb capes.

He also praised the fundraising effort, which has raised over \$20,000 online for Southlake's children's cancer clinic, now located in the Stronach Regional Cancer Care Centre. "We have surpassed our goal of \$15,000 - raising \$9,000 more than in 2013, to provide "world class care close to home. POGO makes this a reality every day."

"We feel so honoured that all of you participated today," said Lisa Egan-Bates, an RN with the POGO program.

She noted that among the participants were kids currently receiving cancer care, or who have received treatment in the past, since the POGO clinic opened in Newmarket in 2009. "It means so much, that they raised the funds."

There were only three rules for the Inside Ride: ride for 5 minutes, make lots of noise, and have a good time. Organizers with Coast to Coast against Cancer, a volunteer organization which ensures that 100% of donations go to kids "living with and beyond cancer" presented medals for the highest mileage, best costumes, and a Spirit award for "the loudest and the proudest."





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Photos and story by Miriam King, Bradford Times

Celebrating the 3rd anniversary of Bronzezoo Tanning Salon, from left - Bradford West Gwillimbury Councillors Raj Sandhu and Carl Hordyk, owner Lorenz Jibrell, Bradford Board of Trade representative Jessica Jamieson, and Bronzezoo's Denise Paalvast. Below, Mayor Doug White congratulates Jibrell.

## Celebrating 3 shining years at Bronzezoo

Bronzezoo Tanning Salon is a one-stop shop for anyone planning to head to a warmer climate this winter.

Not only can clients lay down a base tan, and avoid the danger of sunburn on that first day by the seaside, the Salon at 450 Holland St. West also offers tanning products, sunglasses, beach bags, fashion scarves and jewellery - everything needed to go from Bradford to Beach.

The Salon provides its customers with a choice of 6 different tanning levels - and a spraytan machine, for those wishing to avoid Ultraviolet radiation but still get that golden glow.

It's not only about esthetics, says Salon owner Lorenz Jibrell. Bronzezoo also offers benefits for those suffering from forms of Psoriasis, Acne and Eczema that can be helped by light treatment, and for those struggling with SAD - Seasonal Affective Disorder.

The Infrared Sauna, the only one in Bradford, provides benefits that include detoxification, pain relief, weight loss and improved skin. On February 8, Bronzezoo Tanning Salon

celebrated its 3rd Anniversary. Among those dropping in to congratulate Jibrell and his staff at the beautifully-decorated salon were Bradford West Gwillimbury Councillors Carl Hordyk and Raj Sandhu, and Mayor Doug White. Jibrell, who has his "Smart Tan Certification," welcomes questions about tanning, its risks and its benefits, especially in light of recent research, showing the benefits of light.

Nobody should make tanning part of a daily routine - "I believe in moderation; moderation is 81," he says - but equally, "If there is no sun, there is no life... If anyone has any questions, I'm a master of ultraviolet light. I can answer any questions you have."

For more information, see [www.bronzezootanning.com](http://www.bronzezootanning.com) or call 905-551-2409. Bronzezoo Tanning Salon, 450 Holland St. W, Units 7 & 8, offers single sessions, minutes, and unlimited packages.

Next week, the Salon takes delivery of a new UWE P90 Combo, "a high pressure bed that won't burn you," says Jibrell. "The first in the area!"



## Town & Country Living Show

The Bradford Board of Trade's Town & Country Living Show returns to the Bradford & District Memorial Community Centre for one day only, on Saturday, April 26th - a premier home and trade show that will feature booths on travel, DIY, home renovations, landscaping, decor, beauty and more. Public admission is free. Vendor spaces are also available, for an opportunity to promote your business at this great venue. See [www.bradfordboardoftrade.com](http://www.bradfordboardoftrade.com) to sign up, or contact Wayne Brakebore at 416-727-0242. Note: Sponsorship packages are also available.



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## Financial Planning and Special Events

### Rooted in Community: Planning for Retirement

The Bradford West Gwillimbury & District Community Foundation is hosting another "Rooted in Community" evening. The theme of the session, Monday, March 31 at the Bradford Public Library's Zima Room, is "Anatomy of Life Planning."

From 6 to 9 p.m., guests can bid on Silent Auction items that include artwork donated by local artists, enjoy live music and a buffet - and hear a panel of speakers on topics of interest to anyone planning for or struggling with the challenges of retirement.

Geoff McKnight, Director of Planning with the Town of BWG, will discuss Seniors' Housing and "Facilities for Downsizing."

Kevin Shackleton, Investment Advisor with RBC Dominion Securities, will talk about the "Process for Personal and Estate Planning."

Roy Gordon, barrister and solicitor will discuss "Legal Pros and Cons of Planning for Your Future."

There will be a Question & Answer period, and refreshments. Tickets are \$25 each, available at Evans & Evans Law, 21 Holland St. W, or The Bradford Print Shoppe, for more information, see [www.bwgdf.ca](http://www.bwgdf.ca). Community Foundations are community-building organizations, that seek to create an Endowment to generate funds in perpetuity for local not-for-profit organizations and projects that benefit the community.

Rather than give a one-time gift to a favourite charity, donors give to the Foundation, which uses the funds, and others pooled in the Foundation's holdings, to generate support for arts and culture, health, education, sports, recreation, environment, and social services.

The BWG & District Community Foundation was launched in 2007, and continues to benefit the community.

### Innisfil Rotary Club: A Gala by the Lake

The Rotary Club of Innisfil holds its 2nd annual Celebration by the Lake Gala, on Saturday, April 19, at the Kempenfelt Conference Centre, 3722 Fairway Rd. in Innisfil. The evening

will include dining, dancing, live and Silent auctions, prizes - and the presentation of Innisfil's Unsung Heroes awards. The awards will be presented to two individuals, an Adult and a Youth, who best exemplify the Rotary motto of "Service above Self." Nomination forms are available online at [www.innisfilrotary.com](http://www.innisfilrotary.com), or from any Rotarian.

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## O My Valentine!

"Hail, Bishop Valentine, whose day this is,  
All the air is thy Diocese." - John Donne

Come to think of it, why do we even need a special day, to express our love and appreciation to our nearest and dearest, to discover a soul-mate, express the tenderest of emotions, or even pop the question? Why can't every day be Valentine's Day?

Yet, going to Ancient Roman times and beyond, February 14 has always had significance.

The Romans celebrated Lupercalia, February 13 to 15 - a cleansing festival, sacred to the God Faunus (Pan), that was also a Fertility festival.

The date may have been co-opted by the Catholic Church, which linked it with the Feast Day of St. Valentine - actually, two Saints, one a Bishop of Terni, the other a priest in Rome, both

of whom were martyred on February 14. But so strong is the power of love, that instead of Valentine's Day becoming a day of prayer, St. Valentine effectively became the patron saint of love. A story arose that the Saint healed his jailer's daughter of blindness - and sent her the first "valentine," signed "From Your Valentine."

In 1969, the Catholic Liturgical calendar was revised, to remove Saints of "dubious" provenance and history. St. Valentine was removed from the list of universally-revered Saints - although the 3rd Century priest Valentine, who defied the emperor Claudius to perform marriages ceremonies for soldiers and was beheaded at the Via Flammia, is still recognized.

It doesn't matter. The name has stuck, and Valentine's Day continues to be celebrated on February 14, with exchanges of gifts, cards and expressions of true love.

## Flowers, Chocolate and gifts galore

An estimated 180 million Valentine's Day cards and greetings will be sent out this Valentine's Day, February 14 - some funny, some "mushy," some simply sweet.

It's a tradition that may date back centuries, but certainly reached its peak in Victorian England, when mass-produced cards fueled the fad. It meant that you didn't have to be clever enough to come up with an original poem or a Rebus - a kind of visual puzzle - yourself, but could simply pick something beautifully decorated in tinsel, ribbons and lace, to delight your love.

At the same time, Confectionery became a traditional Valentine's gift - "Sweets for the sweet" - with chocolates gradually rising in ascendancy. Heart-shaped boxes were introduced in the 1890s.

Also popular were "Conversation

Lozenges" or "Kissing Confit" - made of a paste of sugar, musk, ambergris and orris powder, and imprinted with "sayings" like "Be Mine" "Love Me" and "Do You Flirt" - guaranteed to break the ice at Victorian parties.

The language of flowers - red roses mean true love - continues to be spoken, when it comes to gift-giving.

And for those who have pledged their troth, jewellery, perfume and clothing are also gifts of choice.

Still wondering? Why not go out for a Valentine's celebration, of dinner and dancing, theatre, sports - whatever interests you share, and that bring you closer to your loved one.

"What love is, if thou wouldst be taught, Thy heart must teach alone - Two sons with but a single thought, Two hearts that beat as one." - Friedrich Halm.



## Dance with your Valentine

There will be a Valentine's Day Dance, featuring The Cruisers, on Saturday, February 15 at the Bradford Legion, 115 Back St. in Bradford, from 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. The evening is a fundraiser for Trinity Anglican Church. Includes a Silent Auction table, and a late-night buffet at 10 p.m. All welcome. Tickets are only \$15 per person; contact Michelle Harwood at 905-778-1304, or the church office, 905-775-2200.

Valentine's Dinner and Dance at the Cardinal Golf Club, February 15, is a fundraiser for the Ride to Conquer

Cancer. Tickets are \$65 each, or \$130 per couple, for cocktails at 6 p.m., Dinner at 7 p.m., a Silent Auction, Door Prizes and more. For tickets call 905-967-4545 or email [tehlars67@gmail.com](mailto:tehlars67@gmail.com)

The Barrie Ballroom Dance Club hosts its Valentine's Dance, February 15 at the ANAF Club, 7 George St. in Barrie, from 8 p.m. to midnight - with a free line-dancing lesson at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for members, \$15 for guests, and include a substantial late-night snack. For tickets, call 705-726-2651 or see [www.bbdc.ca](http://www.bbdc.ca)

## Special Events & Entertainment

### Treasures at

#### Bradford United Church

Treasures have been donated - from shelves, cupboards, closets, garages and basements - to raise money for Bradford United Church, located at 66 Barrie St. in Bradford. Drop by the church on Saturday, February 15 from 8 to 11 a.m.

To donate a treasure for the Sale call 905-775-7268.

### SS'T's London Suite

South Simcoe Theatre presents Neil Simon's comedy classic, *London Suite* on stage at the Old Town Hall Theatre, 1 Hamilton St. in Cookstown, to Feb. 16. A delightful winter treat, to chase away the winter blahs. Tickets are \$18 each, available by calling the box office at 705-458-4432. Shows at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. Matinee on Sunday. For more information, see [www.southsimcoetheatre.com](http://www.southsimcoetheatre.com) Final show in the 2013-2014 season will be *Dracula*, adapted from Bram Stoker's novel, March 27-April 13.

### Model Trains in Barrie

The 4th annual Barrie-Alandale Model Train Show will be taking place at Bradford Greenhouses Garden Gallery in Barrie (Hwy. 90 at Hwy. 27)

on Saturday and Sunday, February 15 and 16. See model train layouts, speak with enthusiasts, purchase model trains and accessories from the vendors. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$4 for seniors and students, free for children under 6. The Show is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

### Mary Pratt Retrospective

The McMichael Canadian Art Collection in Kleinburg presents a retrospective exhibition, Mary Pratt - fifty years of contemporary oils and mixed media paintings by one of Canada's premier artists. The exhibit, which continues to April 27, 2014, includes more than 60 works, spanning five decades, and both iconic images and rarely-seen works from private collections.

### Carnival Dinner & Dance

The Portuguese Cultural Centre of Bradford presents Festa do Carnaval - a Carnival Dinner & Dance on Saturday, February 22.

Doors open at 6 p.m. on Feb. 22, for an evening that includes a Dinner of Soup, Pork Cutlets, Potatoes, Rice, Vegetables, Dessert, coffee and tea; dancing to a DJ provided by T.N.T. Productions - and a performance by Jose Alberto Reis, live from Portugal. Prizes for the best costumes, in

this evening of celebration at the Portuguese Cultural Centre, 767 Simcoe Rd. in Bradford.

Tickets are \$35 for adults, \$22 for children ages 7 to 12 for members, \$40 adults, \$25 children for non-members. For information contact Sara Fresco, 905-775-4825.

Also coming up at the Portuguese Cultural Centre of Bradford - the annual International Women's Day Dinner & Dance on March 8. Watch for details.

### Dine in the Dark Gala

Social Connoisseurs in Support of CNIB is holding a fundraising Gala on Friday, February 28 at Heintzman House, 136 Bay Thorn Drive in Thornhill.

**Dining in the Dark... Paris Style** is described as an "intimate black tie affair" featuring gourmet cuisine, dancing, live and silent auctions, with items that will "ignite the senses." The evening starts at 6 p.m. with a Champagne Reception, followed by dinner and dancing. The Gala is a fundraiser for CNIB.

Individual tickets are \$125 each; and sponsors are also wanted. For more information, see [www.socialconnoisseurs.com](http://www.socialconnoisseurs.com) or contact Mary Connado, 647-891-8147 or [mary@socialconnoisseurs.com](mailto:mary@socialconnoisseurs.com), or Monica Bryan, 416-712-7548 or [monica@socialconnoisseurs.com](mailto:monica@socialconnoisseurs.com)

## Heart Month!



February is Heart Month, and the Heart & Stroke Foundation is conducting its door-to-door campaign, despite the weather! On February 8, a fundraising Fitness Challenge was held at the Magna Centre in Newmarket. Twenty-five enthusiastic participants raised \$2,800 for the Foundation. The fundraising goal in York Region North is \$158,000. See [www.heartandstroke.on.ca](http://www.heartandstroke.on.ca)

### National Cupcake Day

Attention all "Cupcake Crusaders." Monday, February 24 is the 2nd annual National Cupcake Day for Societies for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and Humane Societies, across Canada. Crusaders will be baking cupcakes and selling them, in offices, stores and at Cupcake Day parties across the country, to raise funds for animal welfare. Register at [www.nationalcupcakeday.ca](http://www.nationalcupcakeday.ca), collect donations through your "Online Bakery," and bake your cupcakes! It's a sweet way to help the animals!



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Free - but registration is required. To register contact Robin Brown at [robin@nottawasaga.com](mailto:robin@nottawasaga.com) or call 1-800-528-7554. Lunch is included. The AgKnowledge Forum is presented by the Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario, Simcoe County Federation of Agriculture and Holland Marsh Growers Association in partnership with Nottawasaga Futures.

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Offer plenty of exercise, switch up your leaving routine, avoid punishment and keep the TV/radio on after you've left. Give your pet something to do while you are gone. You can hide some food, or offer a special treat or toy. The use of pheromones, natural medications and pharmaceuticals can also really help.

For further tips on how to help your pet manage his/her anxiety, please contact your veterinarian.

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# Family Day fun for all!

The Simcoe County Museum invites visitors to **Family Day and Heritage Day**, On Monday, February 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Enter the Real Big Buge snowshoe and orientation race for prizes (registration begins at 10 a.m.), or bring your oldest, longest or strangest toboggan to enter the Oldest, Largest or Strangest Toboggan contests, and compete in the Sliding Through the Ages Toboggan distance races (Register by 1:15 p.m.; racing begins at 1:30 p.m.)

All the fun is free with the regular price of admission. A lunch of hot dogs or chili will be available.

The Bugg Leisure Centre, 471 West Park Ave. in Bradford, is offering family fun and activities on Family Day, February 17, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Enjoy free Leisure Skating sponsored

by BRC Financial on both nights, 9:40 to 11:20 a.m. There will be Lane Swim and Parent/Tot Swim from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Regular fees apply), and in the gym, Parent & Toddler Time 9:15-11 a.m. and Open Gym 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information see [www.buglesurecentre.ca](http://www.buglesurecentre.ca)

The Innisfil Historical Society invites families to an afternoon of old-fashioned games at the Knock Schoolhouse, 7756 Sideroad 10 at the 9th Line of Innisfil, on Monday, February 17 from 1 to 4 p.m. Try Crokinole, Ring Toss, Jigsaw puzzles, chess, Chinese checkers and more; sample home-made cookies and hot chocolate; and enjoy the fun, free!

Upper Canada Mall is open on Family Day, February 17, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and not only offers an day of indoor shopping adventures, but also free Magic Shows at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., free face-painting, and balloon art! Extreme balloon artists will be on hand from 12 to 4 p.m., making balloon Superheroes.

**Kidergy Indoor Playground**, 7400 sq. ft. of play space at 389 Dissette St. in Bradford, is teaming up with Monstertown to hold a Family Day event, that will include free crafts, character appearances including Batman and Princess Elsa! See [kidergy.ca](http://kidergy.ca), or call 905-775-KIDS (5437).

The Elman W. Campbell Museum, located at 134 Main St. South in Newmarket, hosts Family Day fun from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Feb. 17. Try out the old-fashioned wooden toys and activities, see the model train, Nursery Rhyme and Fairy Tale displays, play in the Play Area, dress up, and go on a Museum Scavenger Hunt. Suitable for ages 4 to 10. Cost is only \$3 per participant, with a donation of non-perishable food for

the Newmarket Food Pantry. For more information, call 905-933-5314 or email [elmannmuseum@grogers.com](mailto:elmannmuseum@grogers.com)



Family Day Fun at the **Tiffin Centre for Conservation**, 8195 - 8th Line of Essa, invites families to bring their skates and helmets and skate on the pond - bring your cross-country skis and explore 17 km of looped trails - make a nature craft - try snowshoeing and kickee-sliding - participate in a Scavenger Hunt - enjoy hot dogs and hot chocolate for \$2 with the Scouts - see War of 1812 Re-enactors, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Feb. 17. Admission is \$5, free for pre-schoolers 5 and under. For more information, call 705-424-1479 or [www.tcva.on.ca](http://www.tcva.on.ca)

## Family Day at Scanlon

The Friends of Scanlon Creek present Family Day Fun, on Monday, February 17 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Scanlon Creek Conservation Area. Enjoy guided nature hikes, kickee-sliding (weather permitting), a Scavenger Hunt and outdoor games, indoor children's craft area, and hot chocolate around the bonfire! Admission is \$10.00 per vehicle - free for those with a yearly pass (\$50 per family). Meet in the Nature Centre Parking lot at 1 p.m. For more information, contact Wanda Black at 905-895-1281. The Conservation Area is located off the 9th Line BWG.

## Shaping the future of Scanlon Creek

Have you been to Scanlon Creek Conservation Area recently? If you have, the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority wants to hear from you.

The LSRCA, Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation, and Friends of Scanlon Creek have worked hard over the past 5 years on upgrades and enhancements at Scanlon Creek, located just south of Bradford. The Children's Discovery Play Garden, the Scanlon Creek Bark Park off-leash dog park, trail improvements and the restoration of natural habitat at the "pond" to natural habitat, have all been accomplished - but there's more to be done. The LSRCA wants to know

if Scanlon Creek is meeting the needs of its users, and is hoping to update the Scanlon Creek Conservation Area

Management Plan, completed in 2009. There is now a new survey posted online at [LSRCA.on.ca/PlanScanlon](http://LSRCA.on.ca/PlanScanlon) that invites visitors to provide their input, until March 31. As a bonus, everyone who completes the online survey will be entered into a draw to win a \$100 gift certificate from Spinsanity Cycle shop.

Interested in attending a workshop? Contact Kate Lillie, LSRCA Land Management Technician at [klillie@lsrca.on.ca](mailto:klillie@lsrca.on.ca) or 905-895-1281 ext. 527.

## Family Day Holiday

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### WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES HOURS

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## Historical Society Show & Tell

by Helen Yielding

Despite record snow and cold, hardy members of the Tecumseh & West Gwillimbury Historical Society turned out in January to share their treasures and stories at the annual "Show and Tell" meeting.

The Society's youngest member, Andrew Melly, amazed everyone with a copy of his family tree. Andrew is a 12th generation member of the Leger and Robillard families, dating back to 1602 in New France, and it was with pride that he detailed his lineage.

More family history was presented by Patricia Blackstock, who shared a photo of her grandmother in a 1905 Home Economics class at Riverdale Collegiate.

Jim Campbell related the lucky escape of his grandfather, who was torpedoed on the HMS Lion during the battle of Jutland in 1916.

Another War memory, in the form of a diary excerpt, told of the experiences of June Chambers' father, June also brought in some "V for Victory" buttons from World War II. Lois Falls and her daughter teamed up to relate their family history. Lois' great grandfather was a Methodist preacher in the Orangeville area, in 1862. His circuit included holding services in surrounding farmhouses, including a Camp Meeting in Fergus, in fair weather or foul. An antique typic cash register bank belonging to the family was also presented.

To round out personal histories, Barbara Northwood recalled a cousin's achievement, as one of the first women ministers in the Anglican Church, circa 1978.

And there were objects of interest: Hazel Johansen brought a baby's layette from the estate of Martel Reynolds, an elaborate candlestick was presented by Betsy Floyd, Isabel Abbot brought a carved bowl from 1879 that was also a delightful music box, and Bruce Chambers shared his Sir John A. Macdonald collage.

Don Mossey brought us up to date on the reconstruction of his 1904 Oldsmobile delivery wagon - and finally, Franz Aschwend presented an eclectic assortment of collages, of old video, camera and cell phone parts. It was a delightful mixture of past and present, to warm a January night.

On Monday, February 17, the Society provides a **Preview of Spring:** The Northwoods will present slides of outstanding gardens from Canada and Europe, at the Tec-We-Gwill-Women's Institute Hall in Newton Robinson, at 7:30 p.m. The evening concludes with a social hour.

For more information, call 905-775-7144 or 905-936-4086.

## Proclaiming Heritage Week!

Mayor and Council hereby proclaim February 17 to 23 as Ontario Heritage Week in the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury.

**Whereas:** Heritage Week offers a unique opportunity for the people of Ontario to celebrate the province's rich history and to recognize the unique heritage of their own community; and

**Whereas:** This year's theme, Remembering the First World War: Ontario in Transition, reflects how the conflict of World War I deeply affected those directly involved, both overseas and on the home front; and

**Whereas:** During Heritage Week 2014, Ontario communities are encouraged to reflect on the First World War and the changes that ensued, including increased urbanization and industrialization,

**Therefore Be It Resolved:** That His Worship Mayor Doug White and Members of Council hereby proclaim February 17-23 as Ontario Heritage Week in the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury and encourage all residents to celebrate their rich and diverse heritage.

**Note:** The BWG Heritage Committee is looking for your old photos and memories of the old Bradford Town Hall, 61 Holland St. East - now the Treasury Building. Please contact The Bradford Times, [miriam.king@sunmedia.ca](mailto:miriam.king@sunmedia.ca) or 905-775-4471 ext. 223.



## School stories

The Innisfil Historical Society meets Saturday, February 15, 2 p.m. at the Knock Schoolhouse, 7756 Sideroad 10 & 9th Line of Innisfil. Share "School Stories" and laughter - all welcome.

## Black History

February is Black History Month. Richmond Hill Central Library has a special program planned for Saturday, February 15 from 10:30 a.m. to noon in Meeting Room A. The story: James Mink ran a stage company between Toronto and Holland Landing in the 1840s and 1850s.

His daughter, Mary Mink, married a white man who sold her into slavery in the southern United States. James staged a daring rescue to save his daughter. But did he? Guest speaker Gayle Perrin will show that records can lie! Admission \$5. Pre-register at the Central Library's Service Desk, or call 905-884-9288 ext. 233.

## Skate!

The Cookstown volunteer firefighters have created an outdoor skating rink behind the Cookstown Public Library & Community Centre - and on Saturday, February 15, are joining with the library to invite the public to a Family Skate, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Outdoor skating, hot chocolate and activities.

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167 Essa St. in Bradford. For information, www.al-anon.alteanon.org, wso/al-anon.org or call 1-888-441-ANON.  
**SPEAK FOR SUCCESS TOASTMASTERS:** Toast-

masters meet on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Thurs. of each month upstairs at the new BWG Leisure Centre, 7.9 p.m. For information see www.speakforsuccess.org All welcome.

**HELP FOR IMMIGRANTS:** Bradford Immigrant & Community Services (BICS) located at 11 Holland St. East offers English Language Classes for Newcomers to Canada, Settlement Assistance, Parenting Workshops, Translation and Interpretation services, Information and referral, advocacy and more.

905-775-3343 or see www.bradfordimmigrant.com

**BWG COMMUNITY MEAL:** BWG Community Initiatives hosts a hot meal at 5:30 p.m. every Friday evening, at Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St. Admission: All welcome - doors open at 5 p.m. Free.

**WRITERS' CIRCLE:** BWG Writers' Circle now meets 7.9 p.m. on the 3rd Thurs. of the month, at the New Bradford Library, 425 Holland St. W. All Writers welcome.

**GRANDPARENTS, PARENTING AGAIN:** Support group for grandparents with formal or informal custody of their grandchildren. Mondays at the Bradford satellite, 118 Barrie St., 1 to 3 p.m. Child-care available; call the centre at 905-775-3039 ext. 229 for more information.

**CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP:** Meets at CHATS (Community & Home Assistance to Seniors), 448 Holland St. West in Bradford on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month, at 10 a.m. An opportunity to get out, meet other caregivers, share stories and strategies, and find new ways to cope. Free, but register by calling Mary at 905-677-9048 ext. 6226 or email Mterrance@chats.ca

**YORK SHOOT SISTER CHOR:** The Choir welcomes new members. No auditions - music is learned by ear - and the repertoire is fresh and fun. All levels of singers welcomed. Practices are held Wednesday evenings, 7.9 p.m. at St. Vincent's United Church, 34 Church St. N. in Stouffville

upstairs, make it your own and help raise money for the church. To donate, call 905-775-7268.

**FAMILY DAY AT WISHING WELL SANCTUARY:** A very special day with the rescued animals, including a presentation by Steve and Krista "Dad" to Esther the Wonder Pig, at Wishing Well Sanctuary, Feb. 15 at 12:30 p.m. Includes a tour, chance to meet the animals, and refreshments.

Located at 2710 - 10th Line BWG. Cost is \$10 per person, \$35 per family. RSVP to wishingwell sanctuary@gmail.com or see www.wishingwell-sanctuary.org for details.

## SAT., FEB. 15

**BARRIE-ALLANDE MODEL TRAIN SHOW:** 44th annual show takes place Sat. and Sun., Feb. 15 & 16 at Bradford Greenhouses Garden Gallery in Barrie, on Hwy. 90. Sat. from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sun. from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: Free for kids 14 and for Seniors and Students, free for children under 16.

**VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE:** Featuring The Cruisers, Feb. 15 at the Bradford Legion, 115 Lake St., 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Free. Dance, Silent Auction, and a late night buffet at 10 p.m., only \$15 per person. For tickets call Michelle Harwood, 905-778-1304, or the Church, 905-775-2300.

**INNISFIL HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETS:** At the Knock Schoolhouse, 7756 Sideroad 10 at the 9th Line of Innisfil, at 2 p.m. Share "School Stories" and be prepared for laughter. All welcome.

**BRADFORD CURLING CLUB FAMILY DAY OPEN HOUSE:** At the Club, 125 Simcoe Rd., from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Drop in for free instruction in the sport of curling - all equipment provided. Just bring clean shoes, for the ice. Refreshments available. Open house will be followed by a "Tiffney" for more information.

905-775-4444 or visit www.bradfordcurlingclub.ca

**VALENTINE'S DANCE WITH BDC:** The Barrie Ballroom Dance Club hosts a Valentine's Dance at the ANAF 7 Garage Sat. in Barrie. Free Line Dance lesson at 7:30 p.m., regular dance 8 p.m. to midnight, and includes substantial late night snack. Admission is \$15 for members, \$18 for guests. For info, call 905-726-2651 or see www.bdc.ca

**TREASURE SALE AT BRADFORD UNITED CHURCH:** At Bradford United, 66 Barrie St. in Bradford, Feb. 15 and 16, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Come out and find a donated treat-

ure, make it your own and help raise money for the church. To donate, call 905-775-7268.

**SUN., FEB. 16**  
**BOND HEAD LIONS TURKEY SHOOT:** Begins at 10 a.m. at the Bradford United 10 Sideroad and the 9th Line BWG. 12 Gauge only - win 3 times and you will receive your gun for the day. Win prizes with target shooting!

## MON., FEB. 17

**FAMILY DAY AT HERITAGE DAY AT THE SIMCOE COUNTY MUSEUM:** From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., enjoy activities that include the Really Big Shoe snowshoe and orientation race, and Toboggan races. Bring your oldest, biggest, and most interesting item to enter for prizes, and race starting at 1:30 p.m. Lunch of hot dogs or chili will be available. Regular museum admission.

**FAMILY FUN DAY AT SCANLON CREEK:** From 1 to 4 p.m., enjoy snowshoeing, ice skating, and a tour of the Guided Nature Hikes. Kiddie sledging (weather permitting), Scavenger Hunt and outdoor games, indoor crafts for kids, a hot and hot chocolate. Admission is \$10 per vehicle - free with annual park pass (\$50 per family provides unlimited access).

Meet at the Nature Centre at 1 p.m. Organized by The Friends of Scanlon Creek.

**FAMILY DAY AT THE KNOCK SCHOOLHOUSE:** The Innisfil Historical Society invites everyone to the Knock Schoolhouse at Heritage Site, 7756 Sideroad 10 at the 9th Line of Innisfil, for historic games, home-made cookies and fun, 1-4 p.m. Free.

**FAMILY DAY AT TIFFNEY CENTRE FOR CONSERVATION:** The Centre is located at 8195 - 8th Line of Essa, near Blyss

- and is offering a Family Fun Day, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bring skates and a helmet to skate on the Pond, cross country skis to ski the trails, try snowshoeing and kiddie sledging.

visit with War of 1812 re-enactors, see a demo by a hawk, and enjoy hot dogs and hot chocolate with the Scouts for \$2. Admission is \$5 per person - free for tots and under.

**PREVIEW OF SPRING, WITH THE TECUMSETH & WEST GULLIMBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY:** The Society meets at the Tec-We Gull Women's Institute, Feb. 13 at 10 a.m. in Newbrun Robinson (10th Line BWG and County Rd. 27), at 7:30 p.m. The Northwoods will present slides of outstanding gardens, in Canada and Europe. All are welcome. Refreshments will follow the presentation. For info call 905-775-7144 or 905-936-4086.

## TUES., FEB. 18

**ALZHEIMER SUPPORT GROUP:** Meets at CHATS Community & Home Assistance to Seniors office, 448 Holland St. West in Bradford, 10 a.m. Family and friends caring for a person with Alzheimer's or related dementia will share coping strategies, challenges and successes in a safe place. For more information call the Alzheimer Society of Simcoe County, 705-722-1066.

## WEDS., FEB. 19

**PROBUS CLUB II** Bradford's 2nd Probus Club, for retired and semi-retired Professional and Business people, meets 10 a.m. to noon at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 8th Line and 10 St. R in B.W. Guest speaker is Karen Armstrong on the 5 love languages, based on the book by Gary Chapman, Coffee, tea and toast. New members welcome. For info, call Jo Jane Sanderson, 705-290-0099 or Joanne MacLeod, 905-561-0942.

## THURS., FEB. 20

**AGNOKWODGE FORUM:** Free forum for the agricultural sector, on Water Use, Feb. 20 at The Club at Bond Head, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Free, but please pre-register with Notawasaga Futures, at robin@notawasaga.com or 1-800-509-7554. Lunch is included.

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# Sports

## Micro-Works Major Curling League

Micro-Works Major Curling League  
**Game of the Week** for February 5.  
 Wyllie Allan (Saputo Bakery/Roy's Enterprise) - 6, Bob Armstrong (Caesarstone/Caesarstone) - 2. Saputo jumped out to an early lead, and kept pouring it on, thwarting Caesarstone's every effort. Allan has 9 wins, 5 losses; Armstrong is 4 and 10.  
 Greg Truscott (Blue Cross/Moen Sports Technologies) - 6, Gayle McKenna (Paul Sadlon) - 5. Both rinks have 8 wins, 6 losses.

Al Corbell (Calcia Calcium) - 5, Jennifer Allan Roy (Roy's Enterprise) - 2. Corbell has 9 wins, 5 losses. Allan Roy is 3 and 11.

Heather Graham (Cal's Gals/Ca Accounting) - 6, Bill Irwin (Shot Rock Shop) - 4. Irwin hangs on to 2nd place in the standings with 11 wins, 3 losses. Graham improves to 6 wins, 8 losses.

Cory Heggestad (Moen Sports Technologies/Cyncor) - 6, Ken Leach (ReThru) - 1. Both teams have 8 wins, 6 losses.

Phil Loevenmark (Dominion of Canada Insurance Co/Bunn-omatic) - 6, Willie MacPherson (BMC Construction/A. McAfee & Associates Insaur. Brokers) - 3. Loevenmark has 7 wins, 7 losses. MacPherson is 6 and 8.

Bob Dumond - 7, Don Campbell (I.C. Salmon Charters/Datalogix) - 4. Dumond has 3 wins, 11 losses. Campbell has 5 wins, 9 losses.  
 Andrew Thompson (Conco Canada/Dr. Chris Scheil-Optometrist/Ray's Driving School) - 7, Sarah Picton (The Peeters-Comco Canada) - 6. Thompson remains in top spot with 13 wins, 1 loss. Picton is 4 and 10.

February 12 was the final day of the regular season at the Stroud Curling Club, before the playoffs.

Teams playing in the Micro-Works Major Curling league are currently compete at the Provincial, Canadian and even World Championship levels.

Wyllie Allan and his squad of Ted McIntyre, Bob Morrison and Frank Bedowich won the Ontario Police Curling Association Provincial Championship, and are on their way to the Nationals.

Cory Heggestad and Heather Graham, playing together, have won the A Side Mixed OCA Zone, trying to work their way back to the Canadian Mixed Championships. Dan DeWard and LeeAnne Widaskie have also qualified, through the OCA Mixed Zone 10 Playdown, for the Mixed Regionals.

## Bradford Curling Club Family Day Open House

The Bradford Curling Club welcomes curlers to a Family Day Open House on Saturday, February 15 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
 Drop in to the Curling Club at 125 Simcoe Rd. (beside the old Bradford Community Centre) for free instruction in the great sport of curling - all equipment provided. Just bring clean shoes, for on-the-ice action. Refreshments will be available upstairs in the clubhouse.

The Open House will be followed by a Jitney - an informal bonspiel. For more information see [www.bradfordcurlingclub.ca](http://www.bradfordcurlingclub.ca) or call 905-775-4444 - and try Curling for Family Day.

## BWGMHA Rep teams in action

### MINORATOM REP

Feb. 9, Bradford Disette Animal Hospital - 3, Newmarket - 3. Goals by Kyle MacLean from Tanner Hueglin; Kyle Lomas from Evan Drummond and Darcy Mott; and Jacob Klic from Matthew Boughner. Super goaltending by Matthew Amaral, in a great team effort.

### MINOR PEEWEE REP

Jan. 28, Newmarket - 2, Bradford Minor Peewees - 1. Lone goal by Jackson Carruthers

from Cole Takacs. Caleb Garbe was solid in net, in this close game.

Feb. 6, Bradford - 5, Newmarket - 4. Markers by Jackson Carruthers from Westin Torrie and Cole Takacs; Tyler Mumford from William Bishop and Joseph Magani; Takacs from Torrie; Thomas King from Takacs and Caleb Booth; and Owen Hodgson from Mumford and Magani. Bill Mazanek sealed the deal in net. Great coaching, in a great game.

## LL Peewees in Wasaga Tournament

Bradford Peewee #4 Local League Team participated in the Wasaga Beach Hockey Tournament, Feb. 2.

Game 1, Bradford #4 - 3, Shelburne - 1. Goals by Matt Quizi from Blake Fellman; Brayden Heatley from Malcolm Gill; and Eric Mak from Brett Lassen.

Game 2, Thornton #1 - 5, Bradford #4 - 3, in

a tough match. Bradford scoring by Chase Lawlor from Malcolm Gill and Brayden Heatley; and Brett Lassen with a pair, one from Russel Williams and Mason McCarty, the other unassisted.

Game 3, Oro #1 - 3, Bradford #4 - 1. Lone goal by Eric Mak from Brayden Heatley and Matt Quizi. Great effort by the team, win or lose!

## Free Ice fishing Seminar

The Town of Innisfil hosts a free Ice Fishing Seminar on Tuesday, February 18 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Innisfil Town Hall on Innisfil Beach Road. Learn the basics of ice fishing, ice safety fundamentals, and tips for fishing Lake Simcoe, from fishing pro Wil Wegman. The seminar is free, and open to all ages, but please bring a donation of non-perishable food for the Innisfil Food Bank. There will also be a draw for prizes.

## Sport vs. Science

Discover the role that science plays in sports, at an interactive exhibit that will be at the Simcoe County Museum, 1151 Hwy. 26, from Feb. 2 to May 25, 2014.  
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# Focus on Youth

## Author brings a "Green" message to School

Author Gwen Petreman doesn't just come to an elementary school to read her books.

As a former teacher, Petreman tries to ensure that she brings a "one-of-a-kind Author's presentation... connect it to the curriculum, in as many ways as I can" - combining art, imagination, science, and poetry.

Petreman, the author of children's books that include *The Blue Bottle* and *A Wish for Haidan*, is also an environmentalist. She is a member of Barrie's Green Coalition, and the Living Canopy Coalition, and through her books tries to share some very basic and accessible lessons.

"Kids learn the importance of trees in fighting climate change," for example, she says - and "the importance of tree-planting for environmental health." But she never preaches. "I try to get the message out, through fantasy stories," she says. "In *The Blue Bottle*

there's a monster. In *A Wish for Haidan*, there's a magic fish."

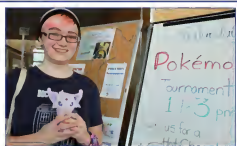
In fact, she says, "A Wish for Haidan - basically it's a fairy tale, that takes place in the Kingdom of Kempenfeldt"

Petreman was a special guest at Fieldcrest Elementary School in Bradford, on Feb. 10, sharing her stories - many of which she has illustrated herself

and her message. She challenged students to think of "the ribbon of life" whenever they act, and remember the other creatures with which they share the world.

"How do we help to make sure they all have healthy homes? We have to think about the habitat of animals," Petreman told them.

And there was a message she hoped they would take home, to their families: "Plant a tree! Trees can really, really make us very healthy."



The Bradford Public Library and its Youth Advisory team hosted a Pokémon "Tournament" on February 8, inviting kids to bring their hand-held games or collector cards, play, share and have fun. Here, volunteer Kirsten, holding "Espion," helps out.

Coming up at the Library, 425 Holland St. West: The LEGO Movie hit theatres on Feb. 7, so what better theme for this month's Free Family Saturday, February 22 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., than LEGO? Drop in for crafts and LEGO-themed activities.

## It Just Takes One, at Sir William Osler



The Ontario Ministry of Education has handed over over \$52,900 in funding, through the provincial SpeakUp Initiative, to support a total of 54 student-led projects, in 35 Simcoe County District School Board elementary and secondary schools.

One of those schools is Bradford West Gwillimbury's Sir William Osler Public School.

Sir William Osler received \$1,000, to support its first-ever "Equity and Inclusion Day," organized by students with help from the school's Character Education Team.

As the team noted, "Students who face barriers due to forms of injustice rooted in social problems may feel left out and left behind. We are committed to creating an environment in our classrooms and school where there is a sense of respect, fairness and belonging."

The Equity and Inclusion Day, "It Just Takes One," took place February 11 at the school in Bond Head - using the book "One," by Kathryn Otoshi, as its inspiration. Special guests led the students in creating a collaborative artwork, involving every student and staff member; and in music, drama and dance.

Students were divided into multi-grade teams, led by a Grade 7 student, and from the Opening Ceremonies at 9:30 a.m. to the end of day "Flash Mob" closing dance,

performed by the whole school, it was a day not only of inclusion, but a celebration of the differences that can bring people together.

"We sometimes do not include everyone in our games... We sometimes feel bad about ourselves, and so we try to put others down so we will feel better... Sometimes it just takes one," to make a change. - Students at Sir William Osler Public School.



Above left, York University Student Teacher Sarah Chal-Chong helps students work on a collaborative artwork. Above,

students participate in a day of Inclusion, by playing drums and, at right, learning new dance steps. The whole school participated in music, dance, drama and art - helping each other.

## Earth Rangers inspire students at W.H. Day

Earth Rangers is a "kids' conservation organization," with a mission: "to educate and empower children to Bring Back the Wild." (See [www.earthrangers.com](http://www.earthrangers.com))

In keeping with that mission, the Earth Rangers visited W.H. Day Elementary School in Bradford on January 30, to engage kids in Water Conservation. Rangers Mandy Corbett and Amanda Brown led a school assembly, then gave Grade 5 classes an opportunity to meet "Blue," a Peregrine falcon - one of 40 animals raised or rescued by Earth Rangers, and now part of the organization's education program. Blue is a success story. Peregrine falcons were once endangered in Ontario, down to a single breeding pair, due to the impact of the pesticide DDT.

Since DDT has been banned, the Peregrine has made a comeback, and is no longer endangered - an example of how conservation and action can have a positive impact.

The students also tried some hands-on experiments, to learn more about the impact of pollution on water, in a program developed in partnership with the Vancouver Aquarium, and funded by TD Friends of the Environment

Foundation.

Corbett told students, "Water is the most essential resource we have on our planet," key for life on Earth, and home to many animals. "There are over 2 million species of animals that live in aquatic habitats, and that's in the ocean. That doesn't even include fresh water," she noted. But aquatic habitats are under attack. Over 70% of Canada's wetlands have been damaged or lost, and pollution threatens both fresh water and oceans.

Two of the biggest problems: Solid waste - an estimated 200,000 tonnes of garbage, plastic bottles and bags dumped in the oceans every year - and Hydrocarbons, the oils and greases that find their way into waterways, through spills or dumping, and that are toxic to life. In an experiment called "Operation Clean Up," students played the role of "Polluters," dumping waste or oils into the water. Others played "weather-makers," creating "waves" and currents to complicate clean-up efforts. And "swimmers" played the role of "Clean-up Scientists" trying to scoop up floating garbage or remove the oils using everything from spoons to turkey basters - and learning just how hard it is to clean up pollution.



## Focus on Youth

### Olympic spirit, at Fred C. Cook PS



Clockwise from above: Trying out a sled, at Fred C. Cook Public School's Winter Olympics, Feb. 10; the FOCPS version of "Curling" is a game of precision; team members compete in the Winter Clothing Relay, indoors; and a team leader waits to lead her team, "Integrity," outside for winter fun. All of the teams were named for positive Character Traits.

#### OLYMPICS from Page 1 and our Character Traits.

It may have been a long way from Sochi, but there was plenty of Olympic spirit on hand, as the students tried their best, cheered on their teams, and enjoyed a day of activities.



### BDHS Student heading to Queen's Park

In some ways, Louis Vatri Jr. is already a veteran of politics.

The Grade 10 Student at Bradford District High School has served as a provincial Parliamentary Page - a demanding position that requires students to memorize the names, political affiliations and seats of every Member, and carry messages on the floor.

Now, he's been selected as one of only 80 or so high school students who will be participating in a Mock Parliament at Queen's Park, February 19 to 21.

Vatri went through an application process, and was notified early in January that he had been successful.

"We were all assigned a riding. I was given St. Paul's" - a riding in Toronto, in the

Forest Hill area - "and then we were allowed to choose our political affiliation."

The Bradford student chose the Progressive Conservative Party - partly because of family affiliations, and partly because he believes in the PC platform. "They have a better path for Ontario. I agree with most of their party policies," he says.

In fact, Vatri ran for PC Leader, for the mock

Parliament, "and won." He'll be heading to Queen's Park to go into the issues with his Caucus, and participate in both Question Period and a mock debate - perhaps the start of a political career.

Photo: Bradford District High School student Louis Vatri Jr. will be getting a taste of provincial politics.



The Social Justice Committee at Marie of the Incarnation Catholic School in Bradford, and teacher Darlene DeLima, with 2030 items for the Food Bank.

On February 10, Marie of the Incarnation School marked the 100th day of the 2013-2014 school year with a day of crafts, special events - and giving.

The members of the Social Justice Committee challenged each classroom to bring in 100 items for the local Helping Hand Food Bank; with 20 classrooms in the school, that would mean a total of 2,000 items of non-perishable food or hygiene care products.

When the campaign wrapped up, on Monday, the Committee had exceeded their goal - collecting a whopping 2,030 items that the students sorted and donated to help those in need.

### Summer Company for Student Entrepreneurs

Nottawasaga Futures is looking for applications for Summer Company, a program that supports aspiring young entrepreneurs and helps them turn their ideas into a business.

Summer Company is open to all students between the ages of 15 and 29, who will be returning to school in the fall, and who have an idea for their own summer business. The program not only provides funding, of up to \$5,000 in seed money for their new business, but also hands-on business coaching and mentoring from local community

business leaders.

Summer Company is designed and funded by the Ontario Ministry of Economic Development and Innovation, and administered by Nottawasaga Futures. Deadline for applications is May 23, 2014, but spaces are limited, and interested students are invited to submit their applications and ideas as soon as possible.

For more information and applications, contact Martin Kuzma at Nottawasaga Futures, at 705-435-1540 ext. 101 or [martin@nottawasaga.com](mailto:martin@nottawasaga.com)

# Run or Walk for Southlake

Bradford West Gwillimbury Council was invited to lace up their running shoes, and get out to Run or Walk for Southlake. The annual Run or Walk for Southlake Regional Health Centre will take place April 27, at the Aurora Cultural Centre - a 10K Run, 5K and 2.5K Run or Walk,

and a Kids' Mini-Mile, all raising funds for the regional hospital in Newmarket. Southlake's Courtney Cassidy issued the invitation, telling Council on February 4 that the event is a key fundraiser for capital purchases at the hospital, since government funding covers

only the operational budget. The purchase of new, state-of-the-art medical equipment is "100% fundraising", including the Interventional Radiology Suite that opened in 2010. Residents are encouraged to participate in the Run or Walk, individually or as a team. New this

year: Parents and grandparents are invited to walk or run the 2.5K distance with their children or grandchildren, and make supporting the hospital a family affair. Cassidy also issued a challenge to the Mayor and Council, to participate in the Municipal

Challenge, for the Mayor's Cup. "We will have a team in," promised Mayor Doug White. "We will kick it up a notch." Anyone interested in participating can visit [runforsouthlake.ca](http://runforsouthlake.ca) or Facebook.com/SouthlakeFoundation to sign up.

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the legal and beneficial interests of the  
Defendants in the property known as Unit  
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drawings annexed thereto inclusive of the  
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her 96th year. Beloved wife of the late  
George Reid. Loving mother of George  
(Hein) and Pamela (Arl) Luke. Proud  
grandmother of Rebecca (Richard), Elinor  
(Saul) and Heather (Terry, late Bobbi),  
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(Michelle) and Kyle (Meghan). Cherished  
great grandmother of Erik, Emily, Alex,  
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Ray, Christopher, Reid, Cameron,  
Jacob and Joshua. Dear great grand  
grandmother of Dana. Friends may call at  
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Anglican Church Cemetery, 6th Line Near  
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## In Memoriams

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# Winter on ice Operation Bait Bucket!

At least three days a week, and on weekends, Will Wegman and his team from the Ministry of Natural Resources Aurora District Office head out onto the ice of Lake Simcoe, on MNR snowmobiles, to chat with ice anglers. They're not checking up on fishing licences, but spreading the word on Operation Bait Bucket.

Now in its 4th year, Operation Bait Bucket educates anglers on the importance of purchasing local bait, to prevent the transmission of invasive species and the importance of not dumping live baitfish into the lake.

"We tell them we're not here checking fishing licences - we set them at ease right away," says Wegman. That opens the door for a dialogue on invasive species to help to prevent their spread from lake to lake, and how to dispose of leftover baitfish.

"We tell them please not to dump their leftover bait fish down the hole. That used to be common practice," Wegman notes. It's now illegal, but the MNR has found it far more effective to talk to anglers, "and let them know that it's the right thing to do. Anglers are interested in doing the right thing."

Among the invasive species that can be spread through dumping of baitfish are the round goby, rusty crayfish, alewife, sea lamprey, and zebra mussels in the "veliger" or free-floating stage - the latter two found in bait water.

All of the invaders have become established in Lake Simcoe, but there is still a chance, through an educated fishing population, to prevent their spread to northern lakes. "We don't

want to see Lake Simcoe become a vector for other lakes," Wegman says.

The response of ice anglers to Operation Bait Bucket has been positive. "They love to see their taxpayer's dollars at work," he says, and to learn that money raised through fishing licences goes to fish and wildlife management and research, across the province.

Wegman and his team haven't been able to get out every day they've wanted to, due to the weather this winter. But when they do get out, they've noticed some trends on Lake Simcoe.

There are fewer permanent ice huts out this year, and more of the portable huts - almost a 50-50 split. Unusually winter conditions for the past few years have meant that "more and more people want to be more mobile on the ice," Wegman explains.

For fishing conditions, "We have the best ice conditions we've had in at least 10 years," he says. "Fishing has been okay, but not spectacular. We have seen some good Lake Trout, more Whitefish than last year, and of course, our jumbo perch."

And there's still plenty of time in the season for fishing to improve.

Wegman and Operation Bait Bucket expect to be out on the ice for Family Fishing Weekend, Feb. 15-17. That's the MNR-sponsored weekend when any Ontario resident can grab fishing gear and try ice fishing - with no need for a licence.

**Submitted photo: Aaron Lak, MNR, talks to ice anglers on Lake Simcoe, Feb. 6, for Operation Bait Bucket.**

## South Simcoe Police, on ice

In a winter with plenty of snow, South Simcoe Police have been called out to investigate more collisions involving snowmobiles, and have stepped up enforcement of the rules. Police officers were kept busy on Saturday afternoon and issued a number of charges - including "Consume Alcohol or Other Than Licensed Personnel or Otherwise," issued to 2 Toronto men found standing outside a fish hut on Lake Simcoe drinking beer. And a 35-year-old Milton man was stopped by police after he was observed operating his snowmobile without a helmet, on a trail near Gilford.

On February 9, around 7 p.m.,

Marine officers with York Regional Police attempted to stop a snowmobile on Cook's Bay. The officers had activated the emergency lights on their snowmachines, but the fleeing snowmobile refused to stop. Officers got in front of the snowmachine, but the driver attempted to hit the police snowmobiles. When finally halted, police found the driver had been consuming alcohol. South Simcoe Police assisted, taking the driver to a police station for breath tests. The 50-year-old Innisfil male was subsequently charged with Impaired Driving, Over 380 and Dangerous Driving, given a \$50 day fine, suspension, and a court date.

## Polar Bears return to Innisfil

The annual Polar Bear dip at Innisfil Beach Park will be taking place February 22, at 1:30 p.m. - and once again the Innisfil Community Events Corporation (I.C.E. Corp.) has partnered with the Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation, giving "dippers" two options. They can either sign up for the LSCF's "Freeze! for a Reason", and raise money for conservation, education and reforestation - or they can pay \$25 to I.C.E. Corp., and this year support the Nantury Shores Secondary School students who are heading to Normandy, France as part of Team D-Day, to mark the 70th anniversary of the Normandy Invasion.

For information on Freeze! for a Reason, see [lakeconservation.ca/event](http://lakeconservation.ca/event). To sign up for the I.C.E. Corp. dip, see [www.icecorp.org](http://www.icecorp.org). Information packages can also be picked up at Alcona Road's Issco, C.W. Coops in Alcona, and Stroud and Alcona branches of Peoples Credit Union-PACE.

There will be other activities going on at Innisfil Beach Park on the 22nd. Just before the Dip, Skydivers with Skydive Toronto will put on a para-waiting exhibition (weather permitting) at the 8th Line.

The Fishing For Tyler ice fishing derby will be taking place at the boat launch, raising money for local teenager Tyler French, who has Autism Spectrum Disorder.

On the diamonds, a Sno-Pitch tourney will raise money for the Ride to Conquer Cancer. And in the Innisfil Lions Hall at 982 Innisfil Beach Rd., the Lions host a Pancake Breakfast, 8 to 11 a.m.

## Fishing for Tyler

The 10th annual Fishing for Tyler ice fishing derby takes place Saturday, February 22, at the Innisfil Beach Park boat launch - a fundraiser for Tyler French, a 17-year-old teen struggling with Autism Spectrum Disorder. The derby was launched as a way to help Tyler's family pay for the intensive therapies he needs.

Register beginning at 6:30 a.m.; weigh-in by 1 p.m. Prizes for the biggest fish by length. Cost to register is a minimum donation of \$10, those 16 and older. Kids under 16 are free - but donations are welcomed. There will also be a fundraising BBQ. Tyler Anglers between the ages of 18 and 65 must have a valid fishing licence. The Town of Innisfil has agreed to waive parking fees for those attending the fishing derby, and the Polar Bear Dip held the same day.

## Council endorses projects

**PROJECTS, from Page 3**

Construction is scheduled to begin in 2015, with completion in 2017 - including work on a new 4-lane bridge over the 400, a bridge long enough to accommodate the eventual expansion of Hwy. 400 to 10 lanes.

The engineers explained that the consultants did look at a number of different configurations for the interchange and realignment of 58 - what was chosen minimized safety and minimized impact on woodlots, creeks and land needs.

"Are you confident these are a realistic time-line?" asked Council member Peter Dykile Jr., after Tundo noted that the interchange ramps and abutments will need at least 9 months of "pre-loading" or compaction before construction can begin. Dykile was especially worried about potential delays caused by land acquisition needs.

Director of Engineering Arup Mukherjee said that talks had already begun with some landowners, "and we have the tool of expropriation. At least with expropriation, you're guaranteed you're going to get the land."

Councillor Dykile also asked if the Town has a "back-up plan" to protect taxpayers, if costs go through the roof.

Town Manager Jay Currier said staff will evaluate costs as the design moves forward. If the total project still "exceeds the amount of the estimate, at that point we'd have to come back to Council," especially since both the Ministry of Transportation and Developer group have said that \$17 million represents "an upset limit." The parties, he said, will have to find a way to move forward - and keep costs down.

The engineers also provided details on additional works needed to bring services to Bond Head.

Councillors hesitated, but Mukherjee urged Council to move forward with design of the entire system, including Bond Head, so that the Town will be ready for construction. "As far as how you stage that, that's a discussion we could advance at a time when the detailed design is [completed]," he said.

The agreement with Bond Head Properties Inc. spells out the need to develop the Employment Lands first, and BHP1 are fully up to speed on the need to begin construction on the Hwy. 400 lands before Building Permits are issued for Bond Head," Currier said, but the developer also wants the Bond Head lands "development-ready," and serviced. "Your Official Plan says you are planning to build (1,200) units in Bond Head," he said.

Mukherjee agreed. "We're here to build this out" - both the 400 lands and Bond Head servicing - in the 2 to 3 year time frame presented."

The Town's Engineering Dept. can handle the workload, if it hires outside consultants to carry out final appeals and peer review of designs. "I don't want a Mayor to oversee the western half of the project," to ensure we're on schedule, to ensure we're on track, to monitor," Mukherjee said. He noted that the projects would be "managed by staff through this project manager," and that the cost to hire a project manager could be billed back to developers, through Development Charges.

A majority of Council endorsed the capital projects.

## Sewers for Bond Head?

Several Bradford West Gwillimbury Councillors in the Feb. 11 meeting asked about extending sewer servicing to the existing residents of Bond Head - and who will pay.

"They were advised that while the developer will pay the "flow's share" of major infrastructure - including a new Bond Head pumping station and forcemain - it will be up to the Town to provide the local gravity-flow system, to service the older part of the hamlet.

"There would be a cost," said Town Manager Jay Currier. Council definitely has to consider some options for financing.

"It's a discussion that Council hasn't had yet - how do existing home owners connect to the pumping station?" agreed Director of Engineering Arup Mukherjee, pointing out that the local connections are not part of the developers' agreement.



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